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OGC 72-0604

2 May 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Exclusions from the Symington Ceiling

On reviewing [REDACTED] Memorandum for the Record, same subject, dated 27 April 1972, I feel there are certain matters which should be supplemented.

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(a) At a meeting in Mr. Buzhardt's office, I do not recall that Mr. Buzhardt related that it was a WSAG decision that a ceiling increase would not be requested. It was my recollection that he was adamant that there would be no request. Further, I do not recall that Mr. Buzhardt said it had been cleared with Secretary Rogers. I do recall that he stated word would be passed to Dr. Hannah at AID.

(b) Rather than Mr. Buzhardt saying he is hopeful there will be no ceiling for 1973, it is my recollection that Mr. Buzhardt stated that a deal had been made with Senator Stennis that there would be no Laos ceiling and in exchange the \$2.5 billion authorization for MASF would be reduced to \$2 billion.

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(c) I am not certain that I indicated that WSAG had decided that personnel costs should be excluded per advice from [REDACTED] I did indicate that [REDACTED] felt this was the proper stance. However, I discussed this subsequently with [REDACTED] who, in turn, discussed it with [REDACTED] who confirmed that such costs were to be excluded.

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